

Introduced by Senator DeSaulnier

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An act to add Title 9 (commencing with Section 14060) to Part 4 of the Penal Code, relating to violence prevention.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 544, as introduced, DeSaulnier. Violence prevention.

Existing law provides for multiple violence prevention programs, including the California Gang, Crime, and Violence Prevention Partnership Program, the California Community Crime Resistance Program, the Rural Indian Crime Prevention Program, and the sexual assault felony enforcement (SAFE) team program.

This bill would create the California Violence Prevention Authority within the Department of Justice. The authority would be given duties and responsibilities related to the prevention of violence, including, developing a statewide violence prevention plan and coordinating statewide violence prevention efforts. The duties and responsibilities of the authority would also include administering a violence prevention grant program with available funds, as specified. The bill would provide for an advisory committee, as specified, to assist the authority, and would also create the Violence Prevention Fund in the State Treasury. This bill would specify that funding for the authority shall be provided in the annual Budget Act, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Title 9 (commencing with Section 14060) is added to Part 4 of the Penal Code, to read:

TITLE 9. CALIFORNIA VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT

14060. This title shall be known and may be cited as the California Violence Prevention Act of 2013.

14062. (a) The California Violence Prevention Authority is hereby created within the Department of Justice.

(b) The duties and responsibilities of the authority shall include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

(1) Developing a statewide, violence prevention plan that includes multidisciplinary approaches, including criminal justice and public health approaches, to violence prevention in families, schools, and communities.

(2) Coordinating statewide violence prevention efforts.

(3) Seeking, receiving, and administering grants and funds from public and private sources for violence prevention efforts and programs.

(4) Distributing the grants and funds obtained for violence prevention efforts and programs, pursuant to rules adopted by the authority and subject to appropriation, to local and statewide organizations, initiatives, and programs that address violence prevention in a comprehensive and collaborative manner, including, but not limited to, the following:

(A) Community based youth violence prevention programs, including mentoring programs, after school programs, and job training and development programs.

(B) Early childhood intervention programs designed to prevent violence and identify and serve at-risk children and families.

(C) Family violence and sexual assault prevention initiatives.

(D) Programs that integrate violence prevention services with alcohol and substance abuse prevention services.

(E) Programs that integrate violence prevention services with providing health care services.

(5) Providing training and technical assistance to help build the capacity of organizations, communities, and local government to develop, implement, and evaluate violence prevention programs.

1 14064. (a) The authority shall have an advisory board which
2 shall meet periodically to carry out the purposes of this title and
3 to execute the duties and responsibilities identified in Section
4 14062.

5 (b) The advisory board shall include, and be chaired by, the
6 Attorney General and the State Director of Public Health.

7 (c) The advisory board shall also include the following:

8 (1) The Secretary of the California Health and Human Services
9 Agency, or his or her designee, and one additional representative
10 of the California Health and Human Services Agency, to be
11 selected by the Secretary of the California Health and Human
12 Services Agency.

13 (2) The Commissioner of the Department of the California
14 Highway Patrol, or his or her designee.

15 (3) The Director of Social Services, or his or her designee.

16 (4) The Director of the California Department of Aging, or his
17 or her designee.

18 (5) The Secretary for Education, or his or her designee.

19 (6) The Secretary for the Department of Corrections and
20 Rehabilitation.

21 (7) Six public members, each representing a health, criminal
22 justice, or civic association or organization working in the area of
23 violence prevention. Three of the public members shall be
24 appointed by the Attorney General and three of the public members
25 shall be appointed by the State Director of Public Health. Each
26 public member shall be appointed for a term of three years, and
27 may be reappointed.

28 14066. The Violence Prevention Fund is hereby created in the
29 State Treasury. Funds received from private, state, or federal
30 sources for violence prevention purposes may be deposited into
31 the fund. Upon appropriation by the Legislature, these funds shall
32 be used by the California Violence Prevention Authority to carry
33 out the purposes of this title.

34 SEC. 2. Funding to implement the purposes, objectives, and
35 operations of the California Violence Prevention Authority shall
36 be provided from an amount appropriated to the Department of
37 Justice for that purpose in the annual Budget Act.